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1. I TOLD SHAH THIS MORNING THAT THE DOE IS COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND THE CHOPPER/CURSHER TO INDIA FOR A FOUR MONTH "DEMONSTRATION", WHICH WILL PERMIT THE CLEANING UP OF THE POOL IN PREPARATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE INTERIM RACKS. SHAH WAS PLEASE BY THIS NEWS; HE SEEMS RESIGNED TO FACT THAT USG HAS NO OBLIGATION AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FINANCE THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER FOR CLEANING UP THE POOLS FOR THE BORAL RERACKING OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

2. SHAH THOUGHT THAT FOUR MONTHS DEMONSTRATION PERIOD MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT SHORT PARTICULARLY IF INDIA DECIDES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PURCHASE OF THE CHOPPER/CRUSHER. HE THOUGHT THAT SIX MONTHS PERIOD WOULD PROVIDE THE KIND OF LEEWAY THAT INDIAN PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS OFTEN NEED. HE ASKED THAT MURPHY HAVE IN HAND ON HIS ARRIVAL ON AUGUST 18 THE FULL FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHOPPER/CRUSHER AND ITS ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT. SHAH WILL NEED THESE IF HE IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROCUREMENT. HE SAYS THAT

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HE WOULD HAVE TO PUT OUT SOME TYPE OF A COMPETITIVE BID ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY ANEFCO CHOPPER/CRUSHER SHOULD HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGE SINCE IT SHOULD ALREADY BE IN INDIA AND THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE WILL BE DRAWN FROM QT.

3. SHAH ALSO AGREED THAT THERE IS NO FASTER SECURE WAY OF OBTAINING THE REPRODUCIBLES FOR THE INTERIM RACK DRAWINGS THAN

TO HAVE MURPHY HAND CARRY THEM FOR ARRIVAL ON AUGUST 18. IF MURPHY CAN HAND THEM OVER ON THAT DATE SHAH THINKS THAT THE TENDERS CAN BE PUT OUT DURING THE NEXT WEEK. HE SAYS THAT PROCUREMENT OF THE INTERIM RACKS IS REALLY AT A STANDSTILL NOW WHILE AWAITING THE DEFINITIVE DRAWINGS. THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS HAVE DONE ALL THEY CAN DO ON THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH GE TEAM AND WORKING FROM THE PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS.

4. SHAH REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT THE CHANGES IN THE TARAPUR RERACKING STUDY AGREEMENT COULD BE HELD TO A BARE MINIMUM.
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